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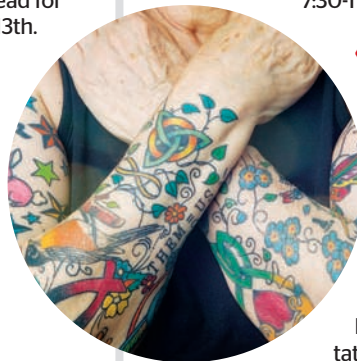
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SEVERAL STATES TACKLING THE ISSUE IN 2012

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WASHINGTON Look for same-sex marriage to be a flashpoint in states again this year, both in legislatures and at the ballot box.

The governors of Maryland and Washington state, both Democrats, have pledged to press for legislation to make gay marriage legal. "It's time, it's the right thing to do, and I will introduce a bill to do it," Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire announced this month.

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley has vowed he would renew efforts this year after a measure to legalize same-sex marriage fell short last year and was withdrawn.

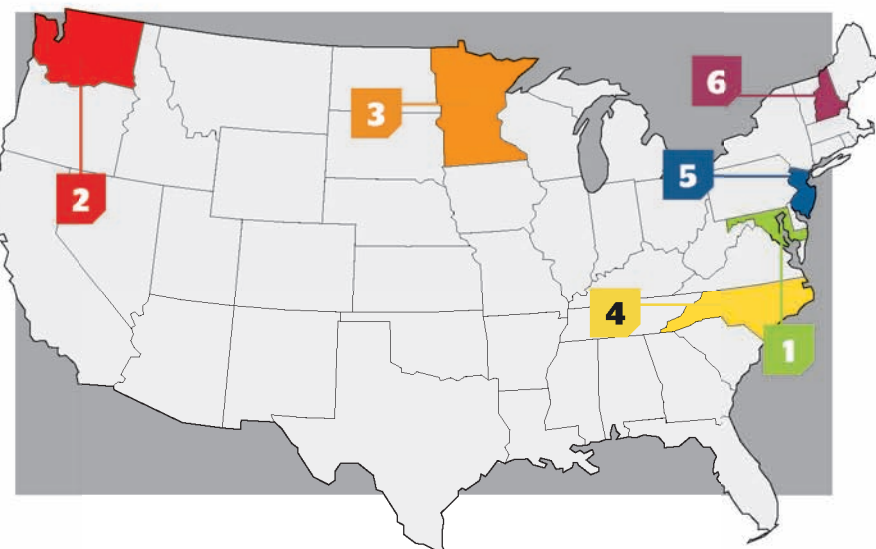
Currently Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, New Hampshire, Vermont and New

York, plus the District of Columbia, have laws legalizing same-sex marriage.

While New York's gay marriage law got most of the national attention last year, Delaware, Hawaii and Rhode Island all passed civil union laws in 2011, and a previously passed civil union law in Illinois went into effect.

Along with New Jersey, those are the only states with civil union laws, says Sarah Warbelow, director of state legislative issues for the Human Rights Campaign. However, domestic partnership laws in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington state are equivalent to legalized civil unions, she says.

Here's a look at the issue across the country.



MARYLAND WASHINGTON STATE

1 If Maryland and Washington join the states legalizing same-sex marriage, opponents of gay marriage will try to collect enough signatures to bring the issue before voters via ballot referendum in November.

MINNESOTA

3 Voters will see on this year's ballot a proposed constitutional amendment from the legislature that defines marriage as the union between a man and a woman.

NORTH CAROLINA

4 A proposal from the state legislature goes beyond banning gay marriage and bars civil unions and domestic partnerships, advocates say. Voters will take up the question May 12 during the Republican primary.

NEW JERSEY

5 Democrats are pushing for a gay marriage law rather than the state's current civil union statute. "This is about doing what's right and ensuring full equal and civil rights for all New Jerseyans," said Senate President Steve Sweeney, adding he "made a mistake" two years ago when he abstained on a gay marriage measure and it failed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

6 Efforts are afoot to roll back the state's same-sex marriage law. Groups began running radio and TV ads against the repeal in early January, just as the GOP presidential contenders and media converged in that state for the first 2012 presidential primary.

Fact: Same-sex marriage did not appear on any statewide ballot in 2010, for the first time in more than a decade, but it has been a major ballot issue in most recent election years. In 2004, voters in 13 states took up the issue, rewriting their constitutions to limit marriage to heterosexuals.

A daredevil? No, just a winter biker



Ryan Smith
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"What are you doing riding in the snow?" he yelled. "Are you an idiot? It's time to put the bike away."

I'd smacked abruptly into a just-opened car door, tumbling face-first off my bike and onto a frost-covered side street near my Logan Square apartment a couple of Januarys ago—but the

elderly man who rudely introduced me to his Cadillac had the nerve to blame me for the accident.

Most people probably wouldn't door me to make the point, but the consensus I get from friends is that I probably should give up winter biking in Chicago.

Look, I get it. We may live in a bike-friendly city that is only becoming more so under Emperor Rahm, but there are plenty of legit reasons why most of my fellow cyclists happily trade in their two-wheeled vehicle for a CTA card or a Ford Fiesta as soon the first snowflake hits the pavement.

Biking in the winter means braving bone-chilling temperatures during a season in which the sun seems to shine for about an hour and a half a day. It's about fending off swirling winds that snap and bite at every inch of exposed skin like a vampire seeking out a new victim. It's navigating the usual seasonal brew of snowy street sludge and slick spots like the captain of the Titanic hap-hazardly trying to avoid icy disaster.

That's not to mention all the pre- and post-ride maintenance.

Dressing to stay warm is a study in patience that involves insulating yourself in so many extra layers, masks, scarves and other accoutrements that you begin to resemble something between an Olympic skier and a mummy.

To top it off, you have to regularly scrub your bike clean of all the grime and de-icers the city liberally dumps on the streets.

Yet after four years of traversing Chicago on

two wheels through Mother Nature's worst moods, I'm here to tell you that cycling during the months between Christmas and Easter is better than you imagine. Here's why:

The streets are yours

During the summer, overcrowded routes such as the lakefront path and parts of Milwaukee Avenue turn biking into a giant game of "Frogger" in which you're constantly weaving and darting your way through other cyclists. In the winter, bike lanes are far more free and open.

What CTA rush?

Speaking of overcrowding, Chicago buses and trains in the winter months become one big, frowny mass of humanity uncomfortably wedged between men with oversized coats and the lady who keeps hitting people in the face with her scarf.

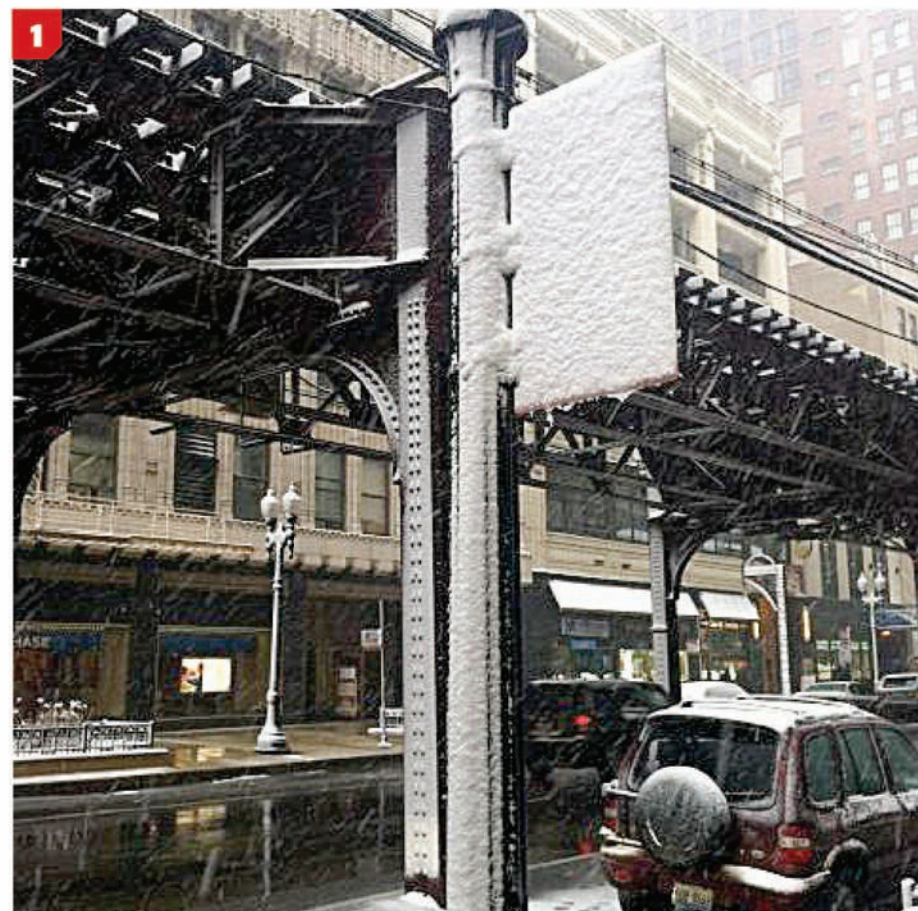
No winter weight gain

Yeah, we pig out during the holidays, but a lack of exercise also contributes to our need to make New Year's resolutions to lose weight. Biking in the winter is an efficient way of fending off the chubbiness, especially because your body burns extra calories to stay warm in addition to the exercise you get from pedaling.

It's an urban adventure

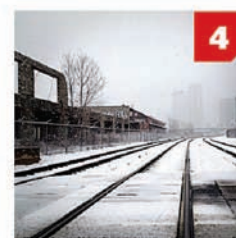
The word "adventure" is overused. Sorry, but checking out a new restaurant or bar you found on Yelp does not qualify. But cycling through the snow, ice, cold and muck delivers quite a rush of adrenaline.

RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



FINALLY!

Well, it took long enough, but the Chicago winter eventually arrived with some significant snow Thursday (story on Page 7). Check out our gallery of reader-submitted photos at redyechicago.com or submit your own by posting on our Facebook wall at facebook.com/theredeye.



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“ We're excited today to launch @michelleobama as a new way for you to connect with First Lady Michelle Obama and the President's campaign.”

“ This account will be managed by campaign staff, with any tweets from the First Lady herself signed “-mo.””

“ Hi, everyone, and thanks for the warm welcome. Look forward to staying in touch with you here. -mo”



Marilyn Monroe is in for a deep freeze on Michigan Avenue as snow falls Thursday. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE**

A SNOW DAZE

FIRST MAJOR WINTER WEATHER OF THE YEAR PACKS A PUNCH

Chicago Tribune

Evening commuters were hitting slushy, slick expressways and snow-covered side streets as they made their way home through Thursday's snowstorm.

“Right now we're seeing the snow is starting to accumulate,” Guy Tridgell, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Transportation, said at 3:30 p.m. “Expressways seem to be in a little better shape than the arterial streets and some of the suburban roads and the outlying areas.”

The department's “full complement” of trucks and plows in the Chicago area—365—were deployed on the roads, he said.

“The challenge for us is the temperature continuing to drop because the melting power of

ONLINE

The city has a new website focused entirely on snow: chicagoshovels.org.

salt diminishes and it's not as effective,” Tridgell said. “People need to be aware that there are slick spots all over the system right now.”

Motorists should be prepared for a “much longer” commute home, Tridgell said. He urged motorists to drive slower, increase their following distance and allow extra time.

On highways in Cook County patrolled by the Illinois state police, traffic was jammed up by the weather as of 3:30 p.m.

“Things are bad everywhere,” Chicago District Trooper Michael Bobko said. “We've had multiple crashes all over the place.”

Bobko said there were no reports of any road closures, and none of the crashes were serious.

The city has its full force of 278 snow fighting trucks out for the evening rush hour, according to a release from the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

“While all of the snowplows are working to clear the main arterial streets, falling snow and dropping temperatures can reduce visibility and make portions of the roadway slick at points,” Department of Streets and Sanitation Commissioner Tom Byrne said. “Motorists should drive with added caution during their evening commutes.”

EXPRESS LINES

» Southwest Airlines says it is investigating with federal officials on a close call on a Midway runway last month. The Associated Press reports.

» The cost of a Metra Link-Up pass or sticker for connecting travel on CTA and Pace buses will increase to \$45 from \$39 on Feb. 1.

» Chicago will welcome the 500th Dunkin' Donuts location Saturday at 3206 W. 111th St.

» Andrew Mason, CEO and co-founder of Chicago-based Groupon, sat for an interview to be broadcast on CBS' “60 Minutes” on Sunday. **TRIBUNE, REDEYE**

Foreclosures down, auctions up

Chicago Tribune

Foreclosure activity in the Chicago area was at its lowest level in three years in 2011, but the number of local homes sent to court-ordered auctions or repossessed by lenders rose in the fourth quarter, according to a report released Thursday.

The temporary slowdown was expected, as mortgage servicers curtailed their foreclosure processing for much of the year while they attended to investigations of their foreclosure procedures and documentation. During the third and fourth quarters, foreclosure activity again picked up and resulted in an increase in the number of properties headed back into banks' hands, according to a year-end report from RealtyTrac.

In the six Chicago-area counties of Cook,

DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake and Will, court-ordered auctions of homes rose 62 percent in the fourth quarter to 6,112 properties from 3,766 homes in the third quarter. Meanwhile, the number of homes repossessed by lenders in the fourth quarter rose 11 percent from the same period in 2010, to 7,722 homes, the company said.

Economists and housing analysts have predicted continued declines in home prices this year as that distressed inventory moves onto the market and is sold at a discount.

Calling the foreclosure process a "highly dysfunctional" one that has resulted in dramatic delays, RealtyTrac CEO Brandon Moore said he expected foreclosure activity this year to be greater than it was in 2011 but still below the 2010 peak.



A boarded up house in Englewood. The neighborhood has suffered greatly in the foreclosure crisis. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE FILE**

56,648

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Locally, 56,648 homes received foreclosure filings in Cook County in 2011, a drop of 30 percent from 2010 and 21 percent from 2009.

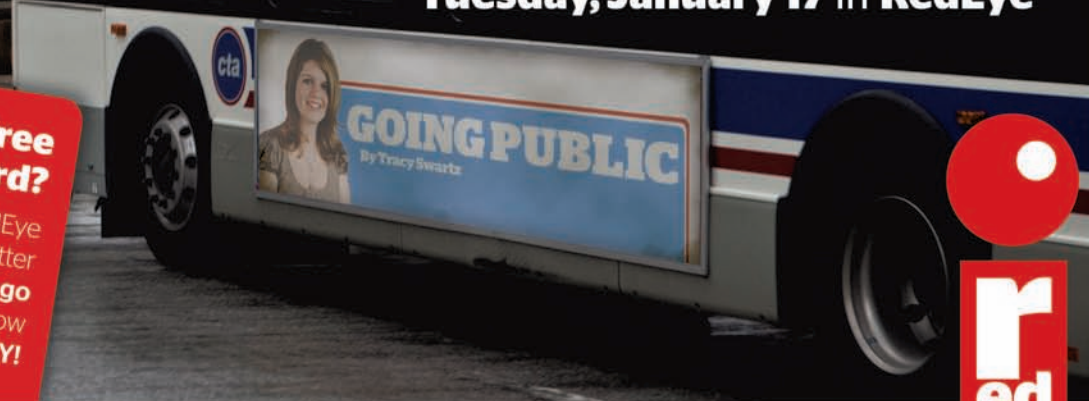
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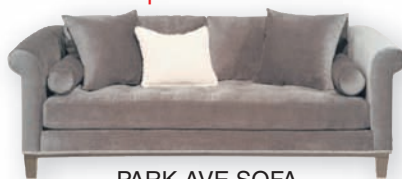
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Richard Grant, owner and head brewer at Finch's Beer Company, checks the tanks on June 14. Finch's is one of five local breweries that will take part in the Lincoln Square Winter Brew on Jan. 28 at the Dank Haus. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE FILE**

Lincoln Square taps 'hood breweries

Chicago Tribune

Years ago, drinking locally wasn't about sipping the beer made in your city—it meant drinking the beer from your neighborhood. Prohibition and the rise of conglomerates put an end to that habit.

But the craft-beer boom has turned drinkers toward local beer once more, and increasingly, that means drinking in the neighborhood.

On Jan. 28, that will be on display in Lincoln Square, where the local chamber of commerce will host the first Lincoln Square Winter Brew, a neighborhood beer festival (of sorts) from 7-11 p.m. at the Dank Haus.

Granted, there aren't enough breweries in Chicago for any part of town to quite pull off a true neighborhood beer fest, but Winter Brew will do its best. Five breweries will be pouring, including Half Acre and Metropolitan (both essentially from the hood) as well as 5 Rabbit, Finch's and Revolution. Food will be provided by neighborhood restaurants Fountainhead and The Grafton.

Also, awards will be handed out for the

chamber's first home-brew competition, submissions for which are being accepted until Sunday. The Lincoln Square chamber is so serious about local beer that it recently started Square Kegs, a craft-beer committee that doubles as a home-brew club.

"When we talk local, we mean Lincoln Square," said Rich Forsythe, chair of the committee. "I believe in the 100-mile diet concept thing."

As for the beer festival, entry is \$10, with extra cost for tickets that can be exchanged for beer and food. Though a complete list of the beers being poured is not yet available, there are at least a couple of impressive options on the menu, including Cleetus' Slack Jawed Dunkel (a collaboration between Finch's and chef Cleetus Friedman of City Provisions) and Revolution's 2010 Vintage Barrel-Aged Black Power Stout.

Forsythe said the chamber is hoping to throw a similar festival this summer, though it will be larger, longer and outdoors. Who knows? There could even be a couple of new Lincoln Square breweries by then.

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1 Oh, hi Hillary

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is seen through a door before giving a news conference with the Algerian foreign minister Thursday in Washington. Clinton joined her voice with Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, who called a video purporting to show Marines urinating on corpses of insurgents "utterly deplorable" and vowed that "those found to have engaged in such conduct will be held accountable to the fullest extent." **GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS**



2 Talk to the hands

A Yemeni woman shows her palms reading "we won't accept immunity" as she takes part in an anti-regime rally Thursday in Sanaa. Thousands of Yemenis demonstrated in several cities voicing their rejection of a Gulf Arab deal to grant President Ali Abdullah Saleh immunity from prosecution, witnesses said.



3 Look, Ma, no horns!

A baby rhinoceros stands nose to nose with its mother, Anna, on Thursday at the zoo in Magdeburg, Germany. The little black rhinoceros was born Dec. 25 at the zoo.

O'Donnell defends dead shark photo

4 FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. Rosie O'Donnell defended herself via Twitter against a hail of criticism over hammerhead sharks killed on family fishing trips off Miami Beach.

"i love the ocean—i am on it daily in miami—chill people—really—my family fishes," she tweeted Wednesday.

The TV personality, who owns a home in Chicago and on Miami Beach's posh Star Island, has taken her children on several fishing excursions with Mark "The Shark" Quartiano, the best-known shark fisherman in Florida. Quartiano posted a photo of her next to a giant, dead hammerhead hanging from hook on his website a few weeks ago, leading to a torrent of criticism from conservationists who said she was killing animals that are severely overfished.

An article on her shark-fishing activities appeared Wednesday in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel, leading to stories on celebrity gossip sites, British newspapers and other publications.

"DISGUSTING: Rosie Odonnell & family catch a huge beautiful hammerhead shark. What a bad mom!"

She replied: "a bad mom? ok then— thanks."



WHY THE RUCKUS?

Hammerhead sharks are considered overfished around the globe, being highly sought after to serve the ravenous demand in China for shark fin soup. Florida banned the catch of three species of hammerhead, although the ban took effect only on Jan. 1, long after O'Donnell's excursions.

5 Romney slams Obama

Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney criticized President Obama for his stance on Israel on Thursday, telling a Florida crowd that if elected he would "stand with our friends."

6 Spy inquiry

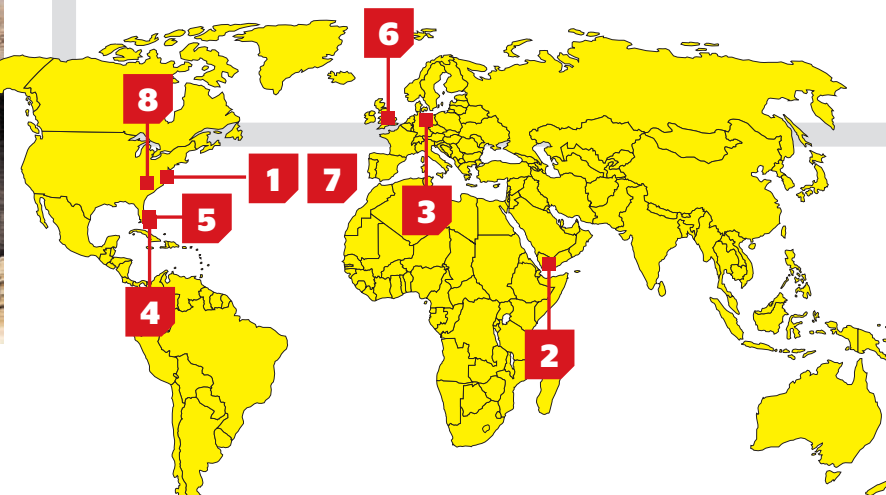
Scotland Yard will investigate whether British spies facilitated the abduction of two Libyan men who allegedly were shipped back to their homeland and tortured there by the late dictator Moammar Gadhafi's regime, authorities announced Thursday.

7 Judge: Prayer mural violated law

A federal judge has ordered the immediate removal of a Christian prayer mural displayed in the auditorium of a Rhode Island high school, saying it violated a constitutional ban on state-sponsored prayer in public schools.

8 Storm rips through N.C.

A possible midwinter tornado has struck a small western North Carolina community, injuring 10 people, two seriously, authorities said Thursday. Crews were working Thursday to clear debris and restore power.



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Billy Corgan's Resistance Pro wrestling league kicked off Nov. 25 at Excalibur.
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BILLY

Does Corgan have another smash hit on his hands with Resistance Pro wrestling league?

By Scott Bolohan | FOR REDEYE

Billy Corgan's career has been full of drama. As Smashing Pumpkins frontman, he's endured unexpected twists and turns and accusations of back-stabbing.

That's just how he wants it in his newest venture.

In November—on Black Friday, fittingly—Corgan launched Resistance Pro, an indie wrestling league based in his hometown of Chicago. On Friday night, the league's first heavyweight champion will be crowned at Excalibur.

Corgan and sports might seem like an odd fit, but it's not. He's a die-hard Cubs fan (and Ryne Sandberg supporter) and played sports throughout his childhood.

"I was a total jock and would have preferred to be an athlete than a musician," said Corgan, 44.

Corgan's wrestling interest was born in the '70s and '80s thanks to TV's "Bob Luce Wrestling." During his "goth teens," as he called them, his interest faded before he rediscovered wrestling during the late '90s. That's when he met many wrestlers and became interested in the business side of the sport. The result is Resistance Pro.

He said the marriage of music and wrestling was natural.

"There's a certain affinity wrestlers and musicians have because the lifestyle is really, really similar—the audience focus, personality-driven, and creating some drama about what's going to happen," Corgan said.

Although the WWE is seeing a resurgence in popularity nationwide, Corgan said there's a wide gap between indie wrestling and the professional scene, a void he hopes to fill with Resistance.

"It's some of the old values system but updated, which is pretty similar to what I've done with my band," he said. "I took classic rock values and updated them to a different generation. That's kind of our approach. We want to have a lot of fun with it, to kind of bring back a little bit more whimsical spirit."

Ultimately, Corgan said with a TV deal—a reality show is in the works—he sees Resistance regularly drawing 2,500 people on a Saturday afternoon, comparing it to the circus or a Wolves game.

Another of his goals with Resistance is to feature female wrestlers in a new light, as the Pumpkins did with bassist D'Arcy Wretzky. She was disrespected as a woman in rock, Corgan said, so he's sensitive to the way women are seen in a male-dominated form



RESISTANCE PRO WRESTLING'S 'RISE'

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«**Billy Corgan** will sign Resistance Pro merchandise at the event, and there is a free meet-and-greet with the talent afterward.

MORE ONLINE

Read the entire Billy Corgan interview online at redeyechicago.com/sports as well as a photo gallery from Resistance Pro's first event in November.

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"(Female wrestlers) are athletes, they're dedicated, they're just as interested in kicking ass as the guys," he said. "Maybe they have a different set of storylines, but we want to get them out of the typical storylines they're put in, which are ultimately misogynistic."

During the inaugural Resistance match, Chicago's Melanie Cruise was crowned women's champion. Cruise said she's worked hard to be taken seriously as a female wrestler, insisting she be trained the same way as her male counterparts. She said Corgan's effort to distance women from the "Barbie doll" stereotype is appreciated.

"I want people to see girls can wrestle old-school just like the guys do," Cruise said. "When we travel to places like Arizona and Florida, they are baffled by the way we wrestle. All the girl matches there are comedy. But the Chicago girls are old-school."

"But it's still entertaining and still the boobs and the ass."

Wrestling has been a part of Cruise's life since high school, when she would watch her friends wrestle. She attended Western Illinois University on a track and field scholarship for two years, then quit, and her first day back in Chicago she started wrestling.

Cruise has been in the sport for five years now and dreams of being in the WWE.

"I love being another character," she said. "When you walk through the curtains, everything is left at the curtains. It's a totally different world."

And Corgan said he wants to keep his wrestlers a part of that world. He has become friends with former WWE star Chris Nowinski, who was forced to retire because of concussions he suffered. Nowinski joined the Sports Legacy Institute and has been a leading proponent of concussion awareness. Resistance is the first wrestling league to comply with the SLI's concussion guidelines and has doctors on-site to check wrestlers for concussions before and after matches.

"When you see what's going on with [the NHL's] Sidney Crosby, it just breaks your heart because you wonder if those issues could have been prevented with the right



care," Corgan said. "From the data standpoint and the stories I'm hearing, it's going to be a huge issue, like capital H-U-G-E issue."

Corgan doesn't deny his musical pedigree might draw fans to his wrestling league, but he's careful not to lean too heavily on his music.

"If they come to one show and they don't like it, they're not going to keep coming because they're a fan of the Pumpkins," Corgan said. "If I have to cheat the numbers by doing my music stuff, that's really disingenuous and doesn't really build the business."

Corgan said it's the storylines—which he is writing himself—that will keep fans coming back. But don't expect to see him in the ring anytime soon.

"If I did, there would have to be a damn good reason and right now there isn't a damn good reason. [Laughs.]"

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I was a total jock and would have preferred to be an athlete than a musician."

—Billy Corgan, on his lifelong interest in wrestling

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1 What would you prescribe for Derrick Rose's sprained toe?

Bourbon and hookers, of course. Remember, I'm not a doctor but I do play one in Five on Five.

A better joint. Or extra tissues.

Stop trying to put a foot up Jo Noah and Carlos Boozer (as much as it's needed).

In accordance with AMA standards, 500 mg of cowbell.

I'd put it in my mouth and ... oh, he's a dude. Rest and ice.

2 The Blackhawks hazed rookie Ben Smith. How would you haze him?

I'd make him wear the Sedin sisters' ladies underwear.

Mmm, I'd like to be Toewsed. I mean, hazed.

Worst job in the world: Patrick Kane's wingman.

Tell him he got traded to Columbus.

I'm a really old-school hazer, people. How old? I still believe in the swirly.

3 What's taking the Bears so long to deal with their GM void?

They're having a hard time convincing candidates it's not really just an internship.

They rarely have control of who's on top.

Lovie can't stop saying "Jerry Angelo is our general manager."

Good. Take your time and get the right person.

Oh, God. Have you seen the owners? Just be glad none of them are paramedics.

4 What will Tim Tebow do this weekend?

This question would be a lot more interesting if it began with "Who ..."

Prey on the Patriots.

If he does have one vice, it's playing "Halo" nonstop. T-Bone!

He's gonna Tebow that 31st-ranked pass defense. A world-ender.

Getting killed at New England. And God won't care, believe me.

5 Give us a prediction for the NFL playoffs.

Somehow, Caleb Hanie will throw a couple of interceptions.

They'll change the name of the Super Bowl to the Tebowl.

Super Bowl. Tebow vs. the Saints. Heads would explode.

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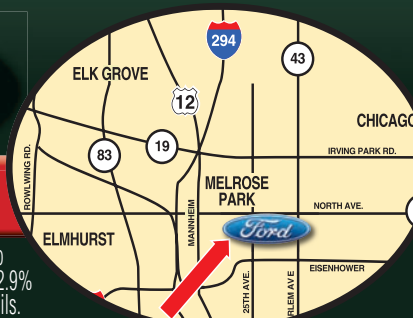
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- » New sideline mascot: A live bear.
- » The Bears win the Super Bowl and two weeks later take on the college all-stars.
- » Concession stands sell hats, jerseys and war bonds.
- » Every year the team adopts a cause to rally behind. In 2012, it's making sure women have the right to vote.
- » Game-by-game contracts. Actually, that's a good idea.
- » She keeps calling Dallas to see if they would be interested in trading Mike Ditka back here.
- » In honor of the '63 championship team, the Bears will play just 12 games next year.
- » Honorary coach: Jack Warden from "Bri-

an's Song." She keeps calling him "Daddy." Also, James Caan and Billy Dee Williams are invited to try out.

» The scouting department is slashed to just one guy who oversees a coop of carrier pigeons on the roof (this may have already happened).

» Mandatory team movie night is Friday. Every other week the team will get a treat and get to watch a "talkie."

» The state-of-the-art weight room in Lake Forest is replaced by a barn filled with hay bales, weighted oak barrels and one large plow.

» The team MVP for each season gets a Ford Edsel. The same one. They all have to share it.

» Road games to Green Bay, Detroit and Buffalo: The team travels by schooner.

» New team rules: No tattoos. Smoking, however, will be reinstated.

» Some things are sacred, so she will therefore carry on one sacred tradition: drafting easily injured offensive lineman.

» She demolishes the new Soldier Field and spends millions of dollars to build ... the old Soldier Field.

» Out: signing bonuses. In: oversized lollipops.

» Score a touchdown, get one shiny nickel.

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Then, the NBA released its All-Star voting results so far, featuring Derrick Rose as the top

vote-getter among Eastern Conference guards and Joakim Noah No. 2 among centers, behind Orlando's Dwight Howard.

For Kane and Toews, it will be their third All-Star Game appearance. Hossa's honor is his fifth. The NHL All-Star Game is Jan. 29 in Ottawa.

The NBA All-Star Game rosters will be announced Feb. 2. Fans can vote at nba.com.



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JAN. 20

Haywire

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(Gina Carano) seeks revenge after being betrayed. Snooze. Wait, this movie features Michael Fassbender, Ewan McGregor, Michael Douglas and Antonio Banderas and is directed by Steven Soderbergh? Yes, please.



Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock star in Stephen Daldry's adaptation of Jonathan Safran Foer's awful book. As mentioned in our 2011 year-end content, this is one of the worst, most exploitative movies in a while. But such an A-list cast!

JAN. 27

One for the Money

It stars Katherine Heigl. It appears reminiscent of the horrible Jennifer Aniston/Gerard Butler vehicle "The Bounty Hunter." End of story.

FEB. 3

The Woman in Black

In his first post-"Harry Potter" film role, Daniel Radcliffe ain't afraid of no ghosts. Well, he might be, but he tries to help a town free itself from one.



FEB. 10

Safe House

Ryan Reynolds really needs to bounce back after "Green Lantern" and "The Change-Up." Playing a CIA agent watching an ex-CIA agent (Denzel Washington) who went bad, he's at least teamed up with someone more reliable. Though this still looks pretty generic.

The Vow

This romance isn't based on a Nicholas Sparks novel, but it might as well have been: "Vow" stars Channing Tatum ("Dear John") as a man trying to win back his wife (Rachel McAdams of "The Notebook") after she suffers a head injury and doesn't remember him.



FEB. 17

This Means War

Two CIA agents (Chris Pine, Tom Hardy) battle it out when they discover they're dating the same woman (Reese Witherspoon). It comes from "Charlie's Angels" director McG, so this romantic-action-comedy won't do things quietly. But will the movie, as it clearly wants to, appeal to both men and women?



FEB. 24

Wanderlust

Funny trailer often equals funny movie, and "Wanderlust" had me at "David Wain." This comedy from the man behind "Wet Hot American Summer" and "Role Models" stars Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston as a couple who moves to a rural commune and hangs with people like Justin Theroux, Malin Akerman and Kerri Kinney.



MAR. 9

The Raven

A killer models his murders after the work of Edgar Allan Poe (John Cusack). Somehow we should have seen a movie like this coming.



Think Like a Man

Women use Steve Harvey's relations advice against their men. The men do like that. Tim Story ("Barbershop") directed. Kevin Hard, Gabrielle Union, Chris Br, Meagan Good and more.

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John Carter

On the one hand, "John Carter" doesn't look totally different from "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time," especially when noting the similarity of the haircuts sported by Jake Gyllenhaal in "Persia" and Taylor Kitsch in "Carter." But it's great to see Kitsch landing a starring role, and hopefully director Andrew Stanton can prove his skills with live action as well as "The Incredibles" director Brad Bird did with "Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol."



MAR. 16

Mirror Mirror

The first of what seems like 20 Snow White movies in the making, "Mirror Mirror" features Julia Roberts as the evil queen, Armie Hammer as the prince and Lily Collins as Snow White. "Immortals" director Tarsem Singh certainly will make it look pretty.



21 Jump Street

I haven't seen much of the '80s TV series with Johnny Depp. So I have no opinion on this film's similarity or lack thereof to the show. But I question whether Channing Tatum and Jonah Hill are necessarily an awesome comic duo (as cops going undercover in a high school). This one could go either way.

MAR. 23



The Hunger Games

Juuust about the opposite of Gary Ross' "Pleasantville" (not a bad thing; "Pleasantville" stinks), this big-screen adaptation of the crazy-popular Suzanne Collins novel looks, at the very least, much better than the "Twilight" movies. Points for casting Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss, whose beauty won't save her in a fight to the death.

MAR. 30

Wrath of the Titans

The director of "Battle: Los Angeles" takes over for this sequel, which doesn't even appear to have a Kraken. So why bother?

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Oscar vets are very, very good at shouting



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!!! Carnage (R)

When Nancy (Kate Winslet) vomits all over Penelope's (Jodie Foster) coffee table art books midway into the darkly funny "Carnage," it's not the last time something comes up that can no longer be suppressed.

This big-screen adaptation of the hit play "God of Carnage," in which two couples (Foster and John C. Reilly/Winslet and Christoph Waltz) discuss one of their sons attacking the other with a stick, exclusively features characters who have been dying for an opportunity to say everything that's been boiling inside them.

The conversation begins as civilly as can be expected. Then it starts going on uncomfortably long. Then supposedly delicious cobbler doesn't sit too well with Nancy. Then all bets are off.

Adapted by director/co-writer Roman Polanski with playwright Yasmina Reza, "Carnage" certainly feels like a play. Movies in which four people never leave a New York apartment—aside from brief flirtations with the hallway outside, only to return to the apartment—tend to do that.

The performances (especially Waltz's) breathe fire into an already enthralling conversation as allegiances shift and people lose control of their self-policed raw nerves. Not every topic of discussion becomes more than a confession; Waltz's character calling his own son a maniac holds more intrigue than Reilly's character criticizing monogamy. But the purging never ceases to illuminate the edges of jagged language and its effect on parents who thought they could avoid acting like kids.

How easily sincerity looks like pretension or stupidity from someone else's perspective.

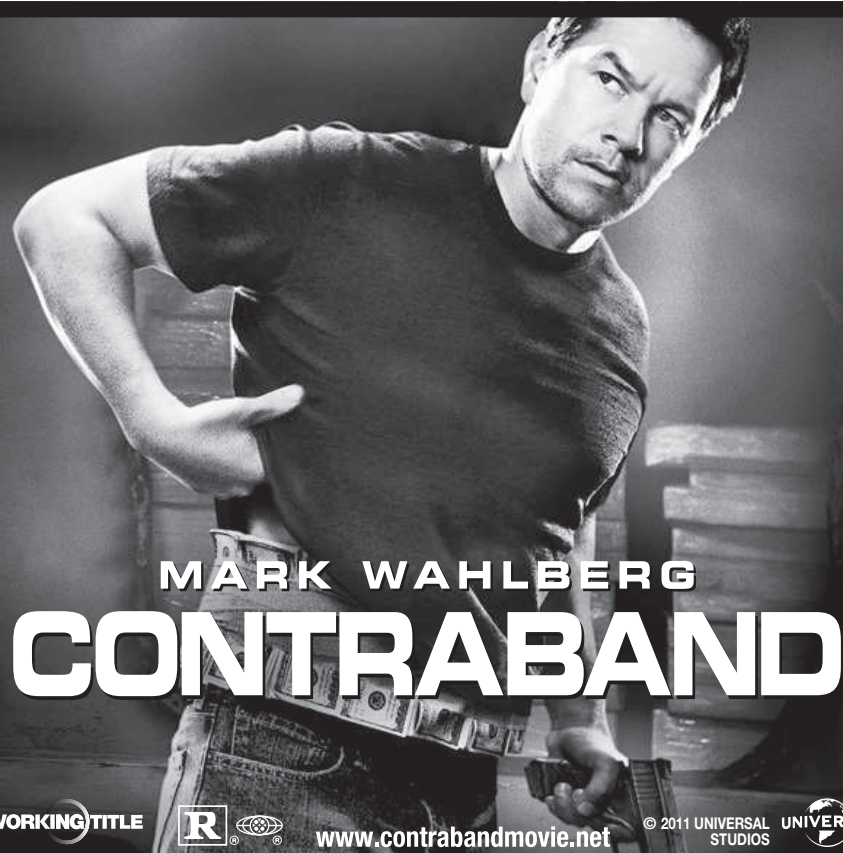
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John C. Reilly (from left), Jodie Foster, Christoph Waltz and Kate Winslet

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Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher

Memorable Meryl, forgettable movie

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The Iron Lady
(PG-13)

Much of "The Iron Lady" features post-retirement, ex-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (Meryl

Streep) doddering around the house, imagining her deceased husband (Jim Broadbent) still is hanging around with her. Meanwhile, the movie covers Thatcher's relationship with Ronald Reagan, Nelson Mandela and the fall of the Berlin Wall in a montage.

Weird.

"The Iron Lady" could have been a complete portrait of how one ambitious, un-wavering grocer's daughter became the first female prime minister in England and what she did in the role. Instead, the film generally depicts how a hard-working professional has little time left for family and struggles to acclimate to the powerlessness of everyday life when the job ends. Maybe Thatcher serves as a good example of that experience, but it doesn't seem specific to her. Surely most

world leaders feel like that at some point.

Obviously, Streep's wholly credible performance keeps "The Iron Lady" watchable, especially in Thatcher's small reactions that break up a movie full of many, many Oscar moments. At times the entire film seems like a "For Your Consideration" awards reel, prone to major declarations of Thatcher's purpose rather than finding an effective approach to dramatizing the story of a stubborn woman who apparently never backed down from anyone or anything ever.

Writer Abi Morgan ("Shame") and director Phyllida Lloyd ("Mamma Mia!"), employing too many fussy zooms and quick cuts, also don't form an opinion as to whether a male leader also would have lost favor in office had he bullied staffers like Thatcher did.

Only occasionally does "Iron lady" emphasize the importance of having someone like Thatcher in position at a time when the Cold War, IRA attacks and economic hardship left Britain feeling uncertain and in need of guidance. That leaves "Iron Lady" well behind the entertaining complexity of "The Queen," but at least it's better than "J. Edgar."

Cheesy fun from Dolly, Latifah

Joyful Noise
(PG-13)

Cast: Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer, Courtney B. Vance, Jeremy Jordan

"Joyful Noise," sort of a "Glee!"-meets-Gospel music choral competition musical, makes a pleasant enough racket. A cheerful,

not-quite-off-color crowd-pleaser that rarely breaks formula, it's the big screen equivalent of a sloppy smooch from your over-affectionate aunt over the holidays. You grimace. You stand there and take it. And you don't let anybody see you grin afterward.

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Caitlin Fitzgerald in 'Newlyweds'

Burns fails with tale of marital conflict

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Newlyweds

(not rated)

Breaking news: When you get married, you will inevitably deal with your

spouse's family and exes in some capacity!

This is the major insight of writer-director Edward Burns' inane "Newlyweds," which has nothing in common with "Bridesmaids" but shares a lot with many other sources. Burns ("The Brothers McMullen") bites conflict from a "Seinfeld" episode, a line from "Chasing Amy" and needlessly has characters address the camera a la "The Office" to comment on what just happened.

Meanwhile, Linda (Kerry Bishe), who could be in the dictionary under "hot mess," feels like a thinly sketched combination of Charlize Theron's destructive home-wrecker in "Young Adult" and Carey Mulligan's damaged drama fiend in "Shame."

Linda travels from L.A. to New York, where she finagles a temporary stay with her half-brother Buzzy (Burns, who shouldn't name characters "Buzzy") and his new wife Katie (Caitlin Fitzgerald)—who are convinced their marriage will succeed because work schedules often prevent them from seeing each other. Add in Linda's recently married ex (Johnny Solo), Katie's recovering alcoholic Irish ex (Dara Coleman), Katie's intolerable sister (Marsha Dietlin) and her unhappy husband (Max Baker), and Burns has cooked up a big steaming pot of family



Fitzgerald and Edward Burns

dysfunction.

But he forgets to save any issues for his own character.

"Newlyweds" revolves around a nice, innocent guy and the messed-up people around him. Burns seems to think he's the first guy to ruminate about the reasons people get married. He recognizes the problems, but stops before making a statement about them, giving his film an exasperated tone that achieves nothing profound.

Buzzy questions what thoughts are better kept to himself. Until he has more to say, Burns should follow his own advice.

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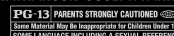
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'The Fades': Not your typical ghost story



Daniel Kaluuya (left) and Iain De Caestecker in 'The Fades'



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The Fades
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Awkward teen Paul sees dead people. So what, right?

As you begin to read this review of BBC America's "The Fades," you're likely going to shrug, thinking you've seen plenty of ghost stories, not to mention TV shows

and movies about teen outcasts trying to fit in and/or get lucky.

You haven't seen "The Fades."

Created by Jack Thorne (British versions of "Skins" and "Shameless"), this six-part horror series skillfully crosses "Superbad" with "The Sixth Sense" and just a drop of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." It's a funny, creepy, touching thriller that had me laughing one second and peeking between my fingers the next.

When Paul (Iain De Caestecker) witnesses a dying woman and a man attacked by an inhuman creature with a tongue that would make KISS frontman Gene Simmons jealous, he's so freaked out he can't even tell his best friend, sex- and "Star Wars"-obsessed Mac (Daniel Kaluuya), what he saw.

That's because he isn't sure what is real and what isn't. He's also seeing people no one else can see and he's been having nightmares

so fierce that he wets his bed. Until now, he's believed what his psychologist says: It's caused by the anxiety he feels over his parents' divorce.

Then Neil (Johnny Harris), the man who was attacked, tracks Paul down and tells him the truth. Paul can see ghosts, or Fades, because he is an Angelic, a supernaturally powered ghost buster of sorts. Neil explains that the Fades are trapped on Earth, partly because humanity's expanding concrete footprint has taken away too many "ascension points" through which they could move on.

"Can you imagine being trapped in a world you can't see, can't touch?" Neil asks. In other words, the Fades are pissed. Thanks to a new being—the one with the tongue—some of the Fades have learned a new trick: By eating human flesh, they can break the barrier between the living and the dead.

Paul, it becomes apparent, will have a major role in the upcoming apocalyptic war between the Fades and the Angelics—even though he'd rather do battle in bed with his sister's pal, Jay (Sophie Wu from "Kick-Ass"). Unfortunately, Paul's more earthly desire gets complicated by what can only be described as "Angelic-puberty," which includes a hilarious side effect when he masturbates.

The premiere dumps a lot of information on the viewer, including themes of life, death and what's in between. It's a lot to take in and maybe could have been spread out a little more, but the info overload didn't really confuse me.

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By Lisa Arnett | REDEYE

Though winter can be a slow time for restaurant debuts, a handful of restaurants bravely opened their doors in the weeks leading up to New Year's Eve. With the mayhem of the holiday season settled, I stopped in two new restaurants—fine-dining Acadia and street fare-inspired Yusho—to dish out an early look.

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hood, and that's exactly what he's done with Acadia, located on Wabash just a couple of blocks south of Zapatista and Gioco. Though all the trappings of upscale eating are here—

The scene

Chef and South Loop resident Ryan McCaskey wanted to fill a fine-dining void in his neighbor-

bottled water, amuse bouches and formal service—the prices are close to what you might be used to paying at more casual downtown spots, with first courses running \$8-\$15, and \$22-\$28 for most entrees.

The food

Sunchoke veloute (\$8) is a velvety soup-ified version of the classic cream sauce with hazelnuts, grapes and pancetta, while risotto (\$10) isn't really risotto at all, with tiny chunks of

potato and apple standing in for rice. Even dishes that sound commonplace—such as the beet salad—are beautifully plated works of art here.

The drinks

Former Graham Elliot beverage director Michael Simons created a tight lineup of complex, well-balanced signature cocktails (\$12) with small-batch spirits. Though some of the flavors may sound far-flung—such as

a mezcal old fashioned with tomatillo agave, mole bitters and a coconut-dill ice cube—they taste much more subtle in the glass.

Worth noting

The bar, spacious and separate from the dining room with trusted pro Simons slinging drinks, has the potential to draw its own crowd, especially because the neighborhood is low on spots for a nicely shaken craft cocktail. But the stilted manner of the servers



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Take it or
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The scene

Matthias Merges spent years in the kitchen at Charlie Trotter's in Lincoln Park. Now

you'll find him on Kedzie Avenue, a couple of blocks north of Longman & Eagle where Logan Square turns into Avondale, at month-old restaurant Yusho. Quirkily decorated with mismatched lamps, this late-night kitchen serves shared plates inspired by Japanese street food.

What's that?

A menu chock-full of exotic ingredients—gobo root, dombu, umeboshi, kalamansi—presents the opportunity to either come to the rescue with your smartphone (or just ask your server), or, if you're a Japanese food expert, show off in front of your friends. In some cases, menu descriptions could stand to be expanded beyond just the ingredients; my table mates would have liked to know that "chicken thigh" (\$5.50) actually was chicken meatballs, and that the "chicken wings" (\$6) would arrive boneless.

High points

Cocktails were killer. The Baconian Cipher (\$11) is a clove- and tamarind-laced tequila and vermouth mixer, while fans of old fash-

ioneds should try the Two Tribes (\$8) made with rye, barrel-aged stonefruit bitters, amaro and palm sugar served on the rocks. For something really different, sip the seasonal flavor of chuhai, a shochu-spiked soda (\$8). Unrelated: The gigantic paper towel rolls in the restrooms and checks served up in Japanese fish tins were the talk of our table.

Low points

Shared plates can be fun, except when said plates are not actually shareable in practice. Some dishes split well between two people but not more, while others seemed to make more sense just for one person, such as a single steamed bun stuffed with shreds of beef short rib (\$6.50). The maitake mushroom with poached egg and cubes of dashi jelly (\$10) was a pain to divide, especially with the provided chopsticks (though when we asked if it was lame to ask for silverware, our server joked that eating with chopsticks, silverware or your hands were all encouraged). Soft-serve ice cream (\$5) with crystallized ginger and buckwheat caramel didn't top that of other spots doing the same, such as Xoco and Grahamwich.

Bottom line

The presentations were pretty and the service was sweet, but after trying a half dozen dishes, none really stuck out as crave-worthy.

feels too "dining room" for the bar and could stand to loosen up more than just a notch.

Bottom line

While dining with two friends who live blocks away, I watched the staff genuinely making an effort to learn the names of neighbors who they hope will become regulars. Though we can't afford to eat and drink here every night of the week, I'm sure we'll be back.



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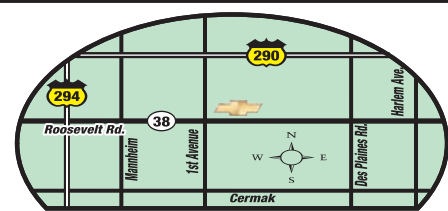


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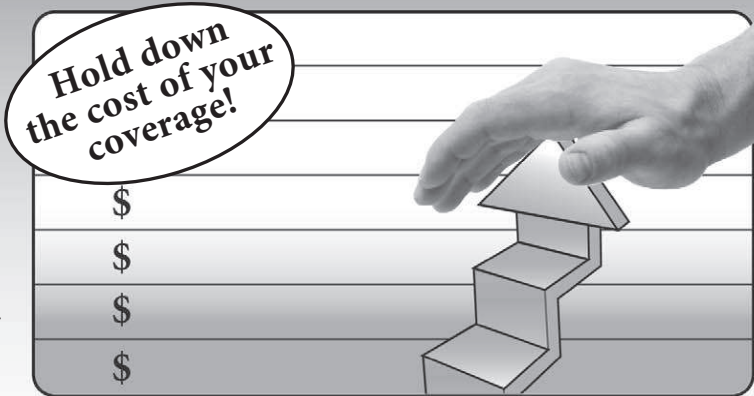


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Anna Pulley

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Dear Anna,

I am confused. I am engaged to a beautiful woman. We have been through thick and thin together and have stuck by each other's side for the past seven years. About two weeks ago, I met a woman at a bar and the attraction and chemistry were immediate. We ended up kissing and we have kept in touch every day through texts and phone calls, most of them very explicit. I have cheated in the past without my fiancée ever finding out. After the last woman, I swore it was the last time, but this new woman brings out

a sexual side in me that my fiancée used to bring out. I love my future wife very much but have never felt guilt about any

of the things I have done ... until now. What should I do?

—**Confused to the Max**

It sounds like you want me to give you permission to cheat on your soon-to-be wife. All the classics are there: It'll just be this one last time! We can't *not* have sex because the attraction is like, whoa! If only sex with my fiancée was as hot as it was in the beginning!

Come on, dude. You're not 12. You know these are the most sack-less excuses for infidelity ever. Especially that last one, which not only seeks to justify your behavior, but also attempts to put the blame on your fiancée, which is total BS.

You're not confused. What are you gonna do? Leave your fiancée because you're drunk on a two-week sext and oxytocin cocktail? Let me tell you something: There's always going to be some girl at the bar. You're always going to be attracted to other people. Getting married doesn't stop that.

What matters is what you do about it, which, if you have some integrity, is nothing.

You're going to run into this problem again and again. Pretty soon though, you won't just be a cheating [bleep]. You'll be a full-on adulterer. If you can't handle a life of monogamy, then you need to man up and admit it before you take your vows. What you're doing (and have done in the past) is inexcusable. It's hurtful and dishonest. If you can't be faithful to your partner, then you at least owe her the courtesy of telling her that before you start picking out gravy boats for your wedding registry.

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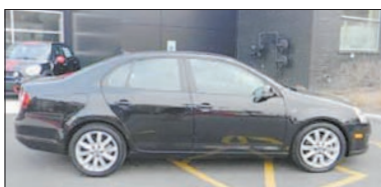
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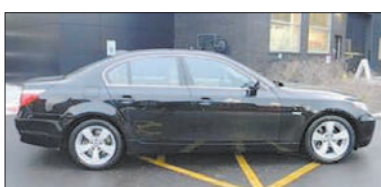
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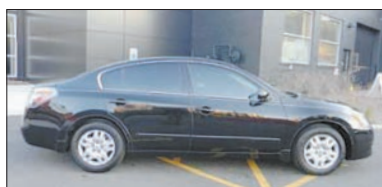
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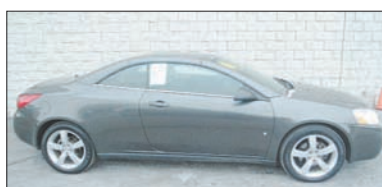
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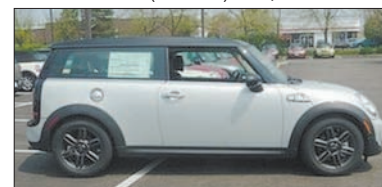
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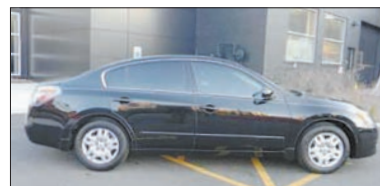
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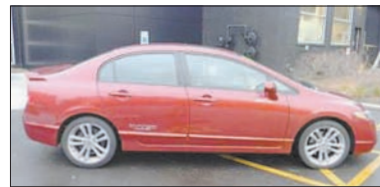
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SLICK RICKY

Why Mr. Gervais, how have you managed to wiggle your way into hosting the Golden Globes?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

When you heard Ricky Gervais was back to host the Golden Globe Awards for the third year in a row, you thought it was a joke, didn't you?

We almost did, too. After all, some stuff went down last year—really funny stuff. We took a look back at how this gig came to be—let it serve as a preview of what to look forward to Sunday.

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69th annual Golden Globe Awards
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JAN. 16, 2011

- » "It's gonna be a night of partying and heavy drinking ... or as Charlie Sheen calls it: Breakfast."
- » "I haven't even seen 'The Tourist.' Who has?"
- » "Nothing for 'Sex and the City 2'? I was sure the Golden Globe for special effects would go to the team that airbrushed that poster."

—Gervais, during the telecast

"Aside from the fact that it's been hugely mean-spirited with mildly sinister undertones, I'd say the vibe of the show's pretty good so far."

—Robert Downey Jr.

JAN. 17, 2011

"We loved the show. It was fun and obviously has a lot of people talking."

—Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which puts on the Golden Globes

JAN. 22

"What did you think of Ricky Gervais? I didn't like him. I thought he was mean."

—Judd Apatow, at the Producer's Guild Awards

JAN. 31

"I think America and Hollywood needs to toughen up. We take ourselves a little too seriously."

—Angela Kinsey of "The Office"

FEBRUARY

"The ratings went up, and the organisers asked me to consider a third year."

—Gervais, in a blog post

"There is no truth to this rumor. We have not asked him to come back. Nice try, Ricky."

—HFPA President Philip Berk

MARCH

"OK, I will host The Golden Globes again, AND the Emmys, AND The Oscars if I can do it with Charlie Sheen."

—Gervais, in a blog post

AUGUST

"NBC have indeed asked me to consider doing it again. However, I think the Hollywood Foreign Press would need an awful lot of persuading."

—Gervais

NOVEMBER

"Ricky Gervais will host the 69th Golden Globe Awards on January 15, 2012"

—@GoldenGlobes

"Ricky is delighted to be coming back. He said the Golden Globes show is the most fun he has ever had."

—NBC exec Doug Vaughan

JAN. 11, 2012

"Maybe they might be a little bit more chilled out about it this year. Or not. Whatever. I don't care."

—Gervais, to the BBC

Gervais
NBC



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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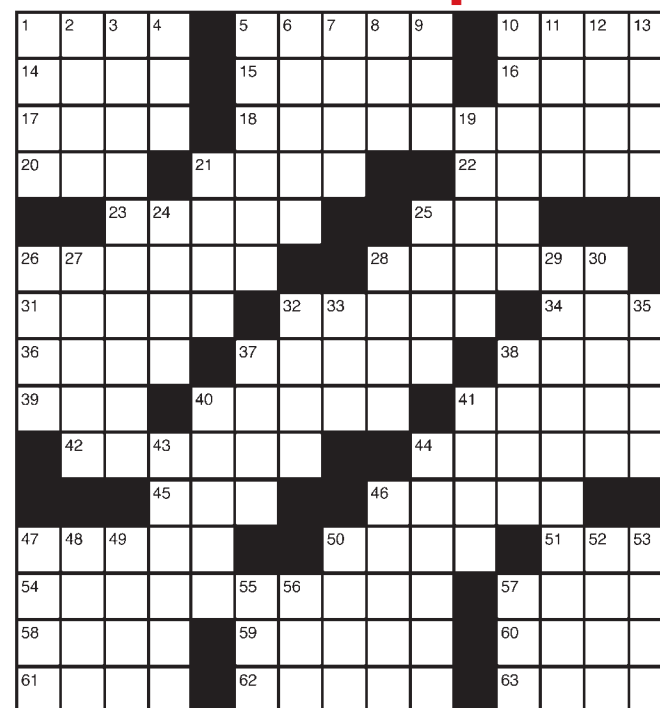
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- 8 Actress Arden
- 9 Beer barrel
- 10 Not childish
- 11 In the thick of
- 12 Air pollution
- 13 Sharpen
- 19 Aids in crime
- 21 Forms a band of sparks
- 24 Bee, to Sheriff Andy Taylor
- 25 Keats or Yeats
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- 32 Split up
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- 44 Refrigerator door stick-on
- 46 Baggy
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- 48 Employ
- 49 Give off rays
- 50 Whoppers
- 52 Thus
- 53 Rosary piece
- 55 In the past
- 56 _gallon hat
- 57 Brit's raincoat

puzzles



TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1999: Bulls superstar Michael Jordan announced his retirement from basketball. (He returned to the NBA in 2001.)

2005: Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that suspended first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly tested players year-round.

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Run this chart

On the day of her birth, Blue Ivy Carter also made Billboard history as the youngest "artist" to chart. She's credited as dad Jay-Z's collaborator on his new song, "Glory" (providing gurgling), which debuted at No. 74 on Billboard's R&B/hip-hop songs chart.



THE DIGIT EIGHT

That's how many total seasons we can expect from "Dexter" and "Weeds" on Showtime, the network's boss said Thursday, according to thr.com and eonline.com. That's two more for "Dexter" one more for "Weeds," if his forecast is correct.



Nicki Minaj
GETTY IMAGES

Super pumped

Nicki Minaj isn't just a four-time nominee at this year's Grammy Awards—she's also a performer. Taylor Swift, the Foo Fighters, Bruno Mars and Kelly Clarkson also are in the lineup for the Feb. 12 show, mtv.com reports. Could they be joined by Adele and Kanye West as more talent is announced? Stay tuned.

Still smokin'

Snoop Dogg doesn't want you to roll your own—not when you can buy a cigar from his new line, Executive Branch. That's right, the Doggfather is putting his name on a brand of cigarillos that will sell for 99 cents a pouch, with two cigars per pouch, billboard.com reports. He'll unveil the brand at the Coachella festival in April.

HOT DATE NOV. 28

That's when a book based on "revealing" diaries Lil Wayne wrote while spending eight months in a New York jail will be published, Grand Central Publishing said Thursday. "Gone Till November" will reflect on Wayne's childhood, aspirations and family.

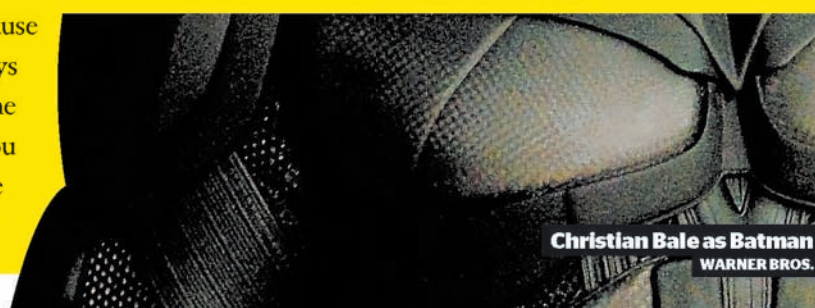


Lil Wayne
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FREE AT LAST

Even Batman gets stressed out. "I can tell you the truth because I'm done with it: I felt immense pressure," Christian Bale says in the new Entertainment Weekly about finishing up with the Batman movies. "And I think it's a good pressure, because you owe it to the films—and the people's expectations—to make great work."



Christian Bale as Batman
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